

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

On Dec. 7, 2000

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: Kathryn A. Deghastoni

16476  
PATENT  
Attorney Docket No.: 2307O-099120US  
Client Reference No.: 2000-123-3

RECEIVED

DEC 18 2000

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Claude F. Meares, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/671,953

Filed: September 27, 2000

For: ENGINEERING ANTIBODIES  
THAT BIND IRREVERSIBLY

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: 1646

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and  
§1.98

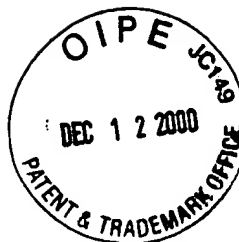
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

Claude F. Meares, et al.  
Application No.: 09/671,953  
Page 2



RECEIVED PATENT

DEC 18 2000

Applicant believes that no fee is required for submission of this statement, since it is being submitted prior to the first Office Action. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey S. Mann  
Reg. No. 42,837

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP  
Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94111-3834  
Tel: 415-576-0200  
Fax: 415-576-0300  
JSM:kad

SF 1165850 v1